

On Thursday, April 17, 2008, The Domestic Policy Subcommittee held a hearing titled: "After the Beef Recall: Exploring Greater Transparency in the Meat Industry." The hearing explored how transparency can enhance compliance with humane handling and food safety laws in the nation's slaughterhouses. The hearing also examined the means for achieving such transparency. The Humane Society's undercover investigation that led to the largest beef recall in the United States puts into question the adequacy of the USDA's oversight of slaughter plants.

The hearing took place in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building at 1:00 p.m. The witnesses scheduled to testify were:

Panel I

Dr. Richard Raymond
Undersecretary for Food Safety
United States Department of Agriculture

Mr. Stan Painter
Chairman, Joint Council of Food Inspection Locals
American Federation of Government Employees

Ms. Lisa Shames
Director, Natural Resources and Environment
Government Accountability Office

Dr. Temple Grandin
Professor
Colorado State University

Panel II

Mr. Bev Eggleston
Owner
Ecofriendly Foods, LLC

Mr. Joel Salatin
Owner
Polyface Farms

Mr. Patrick Boyle
Chief Executive Officer
American Meat Institute

Panel III

Mr. Wayne Pacelle
Chief Executive Officer
Humane Society of the United States

Dr. John J. McGlone
Fellow and Professor
Texas Tech University - American Humane Program

Mr. Adam Aronson
Chief Executive Officer
Arrowsight, Inc.

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